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MEMORANDUM TO: See Attached List

FROM: Associate Deputy Administrator  
for Administration

SUBJECT: Assistant Secretaries for Management Group (ASMG)

By a July 27 memorandum, Clyde C. Cook, Director of the VA's Office of Procurement and Supply, introduced the ASMG to you. He pointed out that the VA had been tasked to serve as the communications link between the ASMG and the independent agencies.

As a result of a recent VA reorganization, I have succeeded as the VA's representative on the ASMG. It will be my responsibility to inform you of ASMG activities and to convey your comments and suggestions to the ASMG.

Since Mr. Cook's memorandum, there have been three ASMG meetings: August 27, October 1, and November 13. Topics covered at those meetings include:

- Training policy and programs
- Contracting for administrative services
- Travel management
- Contracting for ADP
- Cash management

To the extent that minutes of any meetings are prepared by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), I will provide them to you along with any relevant background material. More importantly, I plan to provide you with a copy of the scheduled agenda in advance of each meeting. This approach should afford you an opportunity to provide comments to me; I can then incorporate those comments into my input at the meetings.

Along those lines, I have enclosed the tentative agenda for a joint ASMG-President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency meeting to be held on November 30 and December 1. While the current agenda presents very general topics concerning interaction with Inspector Generals, you may have some valuable comments concerning the elimination of fraud and waste and the improvement of the management of Federal programs. Please share those comments with me at your earliest convenience.

One agency has suggested that a meeting of the independent agencies would provide a forum for suggesting projects, exchanging viewpoints, and soliciting participation. I would like to learn of your reaction to this suggestion. A meeting during the week of December 14-18, may be feasible and timely.

Almost four months have passed since our last correspondence. I would appreciate receiving confirmation that you are the appropriate contact for your agency and that our mailing information is correct.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frank DeGeorge".

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JOINT MEETING OF THE  
PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON INTEGRITY AND EFFICIENCY  
AND THE  
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES FOR MANAGEMENT GROUP

AGENDA

November 30, 1981

2:00 - 3:45 p.m.	Registration	
3:45 - 4:00 p.m.	Welcome	Hal Steinberg
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Perceptions of IG/ Asst. Secy. Roles and Relationships	Ed Harper and IG/Asst. Secy. Panel
	o Panel Presentations	Bill Heffelfinger
	o Group Discussion	Cora Beebe
		Chuck Dempsey
		June Brown
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Reception	
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Dinner and After Dinner Speech	Ed Meese

December 1, 1981

8:30 - 8:45 a.m.	Introductory Remarks	Hal Steinberg
8:45 - 10:15 a.m.	Overview of Integrity and Efficiency Program	Paul Brands and IG/Asst. Secy. Panel
	o Framework for Attaining Integrity and Efficiency	Judy Tardy
	o Ongoing Activities and Possible Gaps	Dale Sopper
	o Panel Reaction	Jim Thomas
	o Group Discussion	Joe Welsch
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break	

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.	Integrity and Efficiency Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Perspectives on Limited Resources</li><li>o Alternative Strategies</li><li>o IG and Asst. Secy. Cooperation</li></ul>	Howard Messner
11:45 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Opportunities for Joint Efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Introduction</li><li>o Opportunities</li><li>o Workshops</li><li>o Workshop Summaries</li></ul>	Group Workshops
3:00 p.m.	Wrap-Up	Hal Steinberg
3:15 p.m.	Adjourn	